

Sheryl Milliken

From: on behalf of Sheryl Milliken
To: The Branch
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From the Pastor.....

Church Family,

35 degrees and warnings about freezing rain one day to mid-70's and put shorts on the next! There is significant conjecture about the identity of the wise men in the Christmas story. We do not know who or what they exactly were. Here is what we do know – they would have had at least decent wealth. And, due to their ability to intelligently interpret the stars, they had significant intelligence. So the wise men were a group of fairly well off (possibly rich) smart men. And in Matthew 2:11 the Scripture says, "After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him." The words used indicate they put their faces into the ground in humility before the baby Jesus. What an awesome picture! They were certainly wealthier than the baby and far more intelligent. But they knew who He was. And their only possible response was to fall to the ground and worship.

Spend some time on Christmas just reflecting on who Jesus is. If you can, allow pride, wealth, intelligence, busyness, anger, sadness to fall by the wayside. Do not let those distract your attention on Jesus. Allow the reality of who He is to move your spirit. As you fix your soul on Him know that He is with you, feel His strength in you, and let yourself express how you feel! (Be careful – you may end up with your face on the ground in worship!)

Have a very, very Merry Christmas. If you are traveling, please be safe.

Yours in Jesus the King,

Pastor Jim

Deacons.....

New Year's Eve Party from 8:00 pm – 12:30 am in the Worship center. Bring your favorite game and dessert for a fun-filled evening ringing in the New Year.

Youth Ministry.....

Students, there is no Checkpoint for the next two Wednesdays. Please join us for Christmas Eve worship as we celebrate the incarnation of Jesus. Also, the following Wednesday will New Year's Eve. Everyone is invited to the NYE extravaganza hosted by PGBC Deacons. Finally, please begin praying for our True Love Waits series. It can be an impactful ministry to the lives of our youth, but we must ask the Lord to make it so.

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